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Buenos Aires, March 24, 1980

Dear Mr. President:

It is my pleasure to answer your letter dated February 15, 1980, where you conveyed your desire, already anticipated by General Goodpaster, to remain in close contact so as to -at any time- deliberate upon pre-eminent common issues to our Nations.

As you have so well indicated it, Argentina shares the preoccupation on the fate of the West, the preservation of its essential values and the defense of its basic interests.

Just as I expressed it to your distinguished special emissary, I have the pleasure to reiterate it in this auspicious opportunity, that without any shadow of doubt, will widen the path for a direct, sincere and permanent communication between our Nations.

Cordially,

Jorge Rafael Videla

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